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		First Named Inventor	Thomas A. Silvestrini
		Art Unit	3738
		Examiner Name	D. Willse
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for FY 2005**☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27**TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT** (\$) 760.00

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Examiner Name	D. Witte
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Attorney Docket No.	AT 2036.00

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Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	_____
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	_____
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	_____
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	_____
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	_____

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES**Fee Description**

Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)

Small Entity

Fee (\$)

Fee (\$)

Each independent claim over 30 (including Reissues)

50

25

Multiple dependent claims

200

100

Total Claims

Extra Claims

Fee(\$)

Fee Paid (\$)

360

180

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application for:

Thomas A. SILVESTRINI

Serial No.: ⁰⁸09/993,946

Filing Date: December 18, 1997

For: CORNEAL IMPLANT METHOD AND
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Group Art Unit: 3738

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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Final Office Action issued October 4, 2004, by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the Final Office Action originally was due January 4, 2005. Enclosed herewith are a Petition for a Three Month Extension of Time, Notice of Appeal and authorization to charge the amount of any fees due to the undersigned attorney's Deposit Account. The filing of the extension of time and payment of the fees extends the deadline to respond to the Final Office Action to April 4, 2005. In view of the filing of the Notice of Appeal and payment of the fee, this application is pending today. Accordingly, the application is pending and this Response is timely filed.

The Listing of the Claims begins on page 2 of this reply.

The Remarks begin on page 5 of this reply.